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April 24, 1975

Dear Joe:

It certainly was good to have your heartening letter, and to be brought up to date on your activities. You obviously haven't lost that deft touch I remember so well from our Hill days.

Your very generous words and good wishes to me are deeply appreciated. I am determined to do my very best for our country and I have an absolute faith in our people and our future. We must renew our sense of national unity, and we must work together in purpose and goodwill toward those goals we all seek for America.

I might also add that I was delighted to have your "democratic dollar." As you well know, I believe there are already far too many of these in circulation, and I am more than willing to do my part to hold down the excess!

With warmest personal regards and appreciation,

JERRY FORD

Mr. Joseph W. Barr
730 Fifteenth Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 22, 1975

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

ROLAND ELLIOTT

FROM:

JERRY H. JOHNSON

The President has seen the attached letter and indicated he would like a special letter prepared in reply. Would you please put a letter together and return to this office for signature.

Thank you.

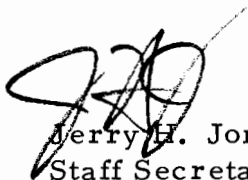
cc: Bob Linder

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 16, 1975

MR. PRESIDENT:

The attached letter is forwarded for your information and will be handled routinely unless otherwise indicated.



Jerry H. Jones
Staff Secretary

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JOSEPH W. BARR
730 FIFTEENTH STREET, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20005

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April 16, 1975

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

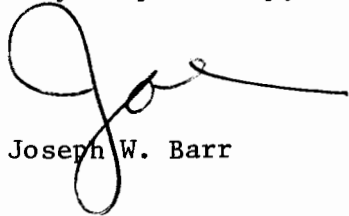
My dear Mr. President:

I have been derelict in not writing you sooner but in the months of your Presidency I have had my own share of problems. Last summer and fall I was frantically trying to hold Franklin Bank together. You may remember that I was hauled out of retirement to run that bank until the government could get it merged. We got the job done, and great credit was reflected on the Federal Reserve, the Comptroller of the Currency and the FDIC. Then, as the oldest outside director of 3M, I was handed the job of cleaning up the mess caused by its illegal political contributions. That job is now behind me - - an agonizing experience. So now I have time to reflect on your performance, and I can describe it in one word - superb.

I knew from personal experience in my Treasury days trying to persuade you as Majority Leader to support our legislative proposals how you would approach your job. The caution, the integrity, and the good humor with which you considered my sales efforts have been translated to the Presidency with telling impact. This approach was just what we needed for our beloved but troubled country.

I am enclosing the last Democratic dollar with my signature as my personal "thank you", with my offer to be of any possible assistance.

Very respectfully,



Joseph W. Barr

JWB/ds
Enclosure

✓ MONEY ATTACHED

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date 4/25/75

TO: BOB LINDER

FROM: JERRY H. JONES

For your information. The letter has been forwarded to Dorothy Downton for the President's signature.

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